

CLAIMS:

1. A device (10) for interactive video, the device comprising:
 - video reception means (11) for receiving video image information,
 - character generator means (12) for generating at least one user controllable character (2),
 - 5 • detection means (13) for detecting any coincidence of a character (2) and a video object (3) associated with the received video image information, and
 - triggering means (14) for triggering an event in response to any detected coincidence.
2. The device according to claim 1, further comprising control input means (15)
10 for receiving character control signals.
3. The device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein an event involves device control of the user controllable character.
- 15 4. The device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the video reception means (11) are arranged for additionally receiving video object information associated with the received video image information.
5. The device according to any of claims 1 to 3, further comprising video object
20 information generator means for generating video object information associated with the received video image information.
6. The device according to any of the preceding claims, constituted by a set-top box or a game console.
- 25 7. The device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the character generator means (12), the detection means (13) and/or the triggering means (14) are constituted by a microprocessor.

8. The device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the user controllable character is a car, preferably a racing car.

9. A system (100) for interactive video, the system comprising:

- 5 • a video source (20) for providing video image information and any associated video object information,
- transmission means for transmitting the video image information and any associated video object information,
- reception means for receiving the transmitted video information and any associated video object information,
- 10 • a display screen (30) for displaying the received video information and any associated video object information, and
- a device (10) according to any of the preceding claims.

15 10. The system according to claim 9, further comprising a video object information generator for generating video object information on the basis of video information.

20 11. The system according to claim 9 or 10, further comprising a control device (40) arranged for producing character control signals in response to input from a user.

12. A method of providing interactive video, the method comprising the steps of:

- receiving video image information,
- generating at least one user controllable character (2),
- 25 • detecting any coincidence of a character (2) and a video object (3) associated with the video image information, and
- triggering an event in response to any detected coincidence.

30 13. The method according to claim 12, comprising the additional step of: receiving video object information associated with the received video image information.

14. A computer program product for carrying out the method according to claim 12 or 13.